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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS MEET WITH SPANISH SOCIALISTS

1. SUMMARY: ON JUNE 12, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOCIALIST GROUP OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT MET WITH A DELEGATION FROM THE SPANISH SOCIALIST PARTY IN BRUSSELS TO DISCUSS POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SPAIN AND THE FUTURE OF EC-SPAIN RELATIONS. DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE MEETING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SOCIALIST GROUP SAID THAT RAPPROACHEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND SPAIN DEPENDS ON EVOLUTION. OF THE SPANISH REGIME TOWARDS A GENUINE DEMOCRACY. A LEADER OF THE CLANDESTINE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY OF SPAIN (PSOE) ANNOUNCED THAT SIXTEEN POLITICAL PARTIES IN SPAIN HAVE JUST JOINED TOGETHER IN OPPOSITION TO THE FRANCO REGIME. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING THE JUNE 12 MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SPANISH SOCIALST PARTY AND THE SOCIALST GROUP OF THE PARLIAMENT WOULD INSIST THAT SPAIN MEET FOUR BASIC  
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THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AS FOLLOWS: (A) FREEDOM OF THE PRESS; (B) FREEDOM TO TAKE PART IN TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES; (C) FREE DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL PARTIES; AND (D) FREE ELECTIONS. IN COMMENTING ON THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN SPAIN, FELLERMAIER SAID THAT "THE DAYS OF THE FRANCO REGIME MUST BE NUMBERED".

3. AT THE SAME PRESS CONFERENCE A CLANDESTINE PSOE LEADER ANNOUNCED THAT ON JUNE 11 A GROUP OF SIXTEEN POLITICAL PARTIES IN SPAIN JOINED TOEGTHER AND ESTABLISHED A COMMON ANTI-FRANCO FRONT. THE LEADER, WHO DECLINED TO GIVE HIS NAME FOR SECURITY REASONS, SAID THAT THE FRONT CONSISTS OF WIDELY VARIED CLANDESTINE PARTIES INCLUDING SOCIALISTS, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, BASQUE AND CATALAN SEPARATISTS AS WELL AS COMMUNISTS.

4. A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT INFORMATION OFFICER CONFIRMED THE ACCURACY OF PRESS REPORTS AND TOLD US THAT "ABOUT A DOZEN" SPANISH LEADERS ATTENDED THE MEETING. GREENWALD

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